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Dear Historians and Educators:

Each year, hundreds of students across the state participate in National History Day in Ohio. National History Day in Ohio is a yearlong program where students choose a topic, tied to an annual theme, and create historical papers, dramatic performances, creative documentaries, museum-like exhibits and websites. Their projects are based in primary and secondary source research and reflect their analysis of the historical topic.

The 2013 National History Day theme is "Turning Points in History." District competitions run throughout March. Students first participate in a district level contest, where they compete for the opportunity to move on to the state level contest on Ohio History Day. The Ohio History Day state-level contest **is April 27, 2013** in the Ohio Union at the Ohio State University. Students in grades 6-12 will compete to earn scholarships, special awards and ultimately a chance to represent Ohio at the national event. For the many students who do not advance in the competition, the comments from judges could be the most important thing they take home.

We are currently looking for willing individuals to serve as judges at the 2013 District 9 event on **Saturday March, 23rd at Bennett Hall, Ohio University - Chillicothe**. Judging is the keystone of the program, providing an interaction with professionals and feedback to students on their work. The day starts at 8 am with continental breakfast and a training orientation; judging concludes around noon. Judges are provided with lunch while they fill out their evaluation forms and determine the top projects. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the attached judge form and **return to me by Friday, March 8th**.

Do you know anyone else who may be interested in joining us? Feel free to forward this information to family, friends, or colleagues who you think might enjoy this volunteer opportunity! The more judges we have, the stronger our contest will be. Additional information will be distributed as the District 9 competition approaches. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, or browse the Ohio History Day website at www.ohiohistoryday.org.

Sincerely,

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